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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The amendment filed December 17, 2001 has been entered.

Claims 5, 9-11, 15, 22 and 24-29 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 12-14, 16-21 and 23 are newly amended.

Claims 30 and 31 are newly submitted.

5 The substitute specification filed December 17, 2001 has been received and entered.

The reply filed on December 17, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have not elected one of the Groups set forth in the restriction requirement, as required. Applicants have elected a Group (a), which they describe on page 7 of the response, though the claims of Group (a) are not
10 specified. It remains unclear which claims belong in Group (a) and which belong in Group (b). In addition, Applicants have argued that the Groups should be examined together and that Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed claims that could be examined as one Group. However, Applicants must elect a Group that has been presented in the Restriction requirement, even if the Restriction is traversed. The Groups of the Restriction will be
15 reconsidered upon election of a Group presented in the Restriction Requirement. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).